

人生を変えるほどの力

9月に、コロナ禍によりここ2年間中止となっていたベネヴェンテ・ミドルスクールと本校小6から中3まで

の児童生徒が交流会をもちました。本校が、相手校を訪問させていただいたのですが、出迎え から、一人一人の本校児童生徒に、ベネヴェンテの子どもたちがついてくれて、その温かいも てなしに感謝の気持ちでいっぱいになりました。先生方の準備があってのことだとは思います が、それが子どもたちに反映されていることがまたすばらしいと感動いたしました。本校の子



どもたちもきっと同じ気持ちをもったに違いありません。同時に、次は本校がベネヴェンテ・ミドルスクールの子 どもたちや先生方に、心を込めてお返しをする番だと思ってくれたことでしょう。まさに感動の力だと思います。

□ロナ禍も少し先の方に、終息の光が見えてきたようにも感じますが、ここまでにどんなに多くの方々、特に 医療関係者の方々のご苦労があったことかと考えると実に重いものを感じずにはいられません。命の危険も顧み ず、身を粉にして働いていただいている関係者の方々には、本当に頭が下がるばかりです。そのような中、重症化 しながらも命を助けていただいた子どもたちの中には、将来自分が医者になって、多くの人々の命を救いたいと心 から願う子どもがいるという記事が出ていましたが、これも一つの感動がその子どもの人生さえも導く力をもつこ との証明かと思います。似たような事例が数々あることは、皆さんも身をもってご存じのことでしょう。

手前味噌で誠に僭越ですが、私自身が現役退職の年、しかも還暦を迎えた日に味わった感動をご紹介いたしま



す。その日の朝、私の務める学校の生徒指導主事の先生が、校長室に入ってきて、次のよう に言いました。「どうも最近、生徒たちの掃除をする様子に、真剣さが足りません。そこ で、昼休みに全生徒を体育館に集め、私から指導をしたいと思います。ついては、校長先生 からもお話しいただけませんか。生徒たちが体育館に整列が済んだところで、先生を呼びに 参りますので体育館においで下さい」。私は、「わかりました。大いに結構です」と答えま

した。昼休みになり、生徒指導主事が私を呼びに来ましたので、勢い込んで体育館へ行きました。すると、私が体 育館に入った途端に、音楽の先生がステージのピアノに向かって歩き出すのです。私にはその意味が分かりません でした。そして、ピアノの蓋を開け、椅子に腰掛けると、「ハッピバースデー ツー ユー・・・」と弾き始めた のです。すると、全生徒たちが一斉に大きな声で、「ハッピバースデー ツー 校長先生・・・」と歌い始めるで はありませんか。私は、びっくりするやら、嬉しいやら、これまでのことは、このための準備だったことが分か り、私は声も出ず、只々、感動でいっぱいになりました。その後、赤いチャンチャンコを着せ、赤い帽子をかぶせ てくれて、還暦祝いの言葉を生徒代表が述べてくれました。「教師冥利に尽きる」とはこのことだと実感いたしま した。職員の温かい気持ちとそれに応える生徒たちの優しい心が一体となって、感動の一場面を演出してくれまし た。私が感動すると同時に、生徒たち自身が感動を味わい、心の成長につながったということで

す。教師の仕事の一つは、生徒たちに対して、いかに感動の場面を仕組むかにあると言ってもいいでしょう。

<u>感動が人の人格や人生を変える</u>ことにつながることが多いことは、皆さんもご存じのとおりで すが、逆に、子どもの成長(変化)が、私たち教師に感動を与えることが多くあります。それが



教師の大きなモチベーションとなっていくのです。これについては、また次の機会に述べさせていただきます。 いずれにしても、子どもにいかに感動を与えるか、私たち大人が常に心しておくべきことだと思います。

		11月 学校行事予定	
			グアム日本人学校(全日制)
8	曜	行事	下校時間
1	火		15:05
2	水	期末テスト2週間前	15:05
3	木	全校集会(朝) PTA役員会	15:05
4	金	裁量	16:00
5	Ħ		
6	Β	英検②(2次)	
7	月	委員会	16:00
8	火	BS委員会(昼)	15:05
9	水		15:05
10	木	児童生徒集会(昼) 学校理事会	15:05
11	金	裁量 お誕生日会(幼稚部)	16:00
12	±	日本語検定	
13	Β		
14	月	クラブ(後期開始) 教育相談(子)	16:00
15	火 火	教育相談(子)	15:05
16	水	教育相談(子) 期末テスト①	15:05
17	木	教育相談(子) 期末テスト②	15:05
18	敋	教育相談(子) 裁量 期末テスト③	16:00
19	±	日本人会秋祭り	
20	Θ		
21	月	クラブ	16:00
22	火	小学部宿泊学習	15:05
23	水	小学部宿泊学習 園外保育(幼稚部)	15:05
24	木	ThanksGiving Day (祝日)	
25	金	学校休業日	
26	±		
27	Β		
28	月	クラブ 身体測定 (幼稚部)	16:00
29	火		15:05
30	水		15:05



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Life-changing power

In September, students from the sixth grade to the ninth grade of our school had an exchange

meeting with Benevente Middle School, which had been cancelled for the past two years due to the Corona disaster. Our school visited the other school, and we were filled with gratitude for the warm hospitality of the Benevente children, who greeted and attended to each of our students. I am sure that the



teachers had done a great job in preparing for the event, but it was wonderful to see it reflected in the children, and that the children of our school must have felt the same way. At the same time, I am sure that our school students felt it was our turn to give back to the children and teachers of Benevente Middle School with all our hearts. This is truly the power of emotion.

Although there seems to be a glimmer of hope for the end of the Corona disaster, I cannot help



but feel a heavy burden when I think of how many people, especially those in the medical field, have worked so hard to bring this disaster to this point. I am truly humbled by the efforts of all those involved, especially those in the medical field, who have put their lives at risk and worked so hard. I read an article that said some of the children whose lives were saved even though

they were seriously ill, sincerely wished to become doctors and save many lives in the future. I am sure you all know firsthand that there are many similar cases.

 ${f I}$ do not mean to be presumptuous, but I would like to share with you an emotional experience I

had on the day I turned 60 years old, the year I retired from active service. On that morning, the student guidance counselor of the school where I work came into the principal's office and said to me, "The students are not taking their cleaning seriously enough these days. Therefore, I would like to gather all the students in the gymnasium during the lunch break and give them some instructions. I would also like to ask the principal to speak to the students as well. When the students are lined up in the gymnasium, please come to the gymnasium so that I can call for you. I replied, "Okay. Very well." It was lunchtime and the teacher came to call me, so I rushed to the gymnasium. As soon as I entered the gymnasium, the music teacher started walking toward the piano on the stage. I had no idea what that meant. He opened the lid of the piano, sat down on a chair, and began to play "Happy Birthday to You...." I replied, "Okay. Very well. It was lunchtime and the student started walking toward the piano on the student advisor came to call me, so I rushed to the gymnasium. As soon as I entered the gymnasium, started walking toward the piano on the stage. I had no idea what that meant. He opened the piano on the stage. I had no idea what that meant of the piano, sat down on a chair, and began to play "Happy Birthday to You...." I replied, "Okay. Very well. It was lunchtime and the student advisor came to call me, so I rushed to the gymnasium. As soon as I entered the gymnasium, the music teacher started walking toward the piano on the stage. I had no idea what that meant. He opened the lid of the piano, sat down on a chair, and began to play "Happy Birthday to You....." I replied, the piano on the stage. I had no idea what that meant. He opened the lid of the piano, sat down on a chair, and began to play "Happy Birthday to You..... Then, all the students started singing in unison, "Happy Birthday to you, Mr. Principal..." in a loud voice. I was surprised and happy to find out

that everything they had done had been in preparation for this. Afterwards, a representative of the students put on a red hat and red chanchanko(red jacket without sleeves) for me and congratulated me on my 60th birthday. I realized that this is what it means to be a "teacher with the most wonderful pleasure". The warmth of the staff and the kind hearts of the students who responded to the warmth of the staff came together to create a very emotional scene. As much as I was moved, the students themselves were also moved, and this led to their spiritual growth. One of the jobs of a teacher is to set up emotional scenes for the students.

As you all know, emotions often lead to changes in a person's personality and life,

and conversely, the growth (change) of children often inspires us teachers. This becomes a great motivation for teachers. I will talk about this in the next article.



In any case, I believe that we adults should always keep in mind how to impress children.

	November School Schedule			
			グアム日本人学校(全日制)	
Day	Day of week	Event	Pick up time	
1	Tue		3:05p.m.	
2	Wed	Two weeks before final exam	3:05p.m.	
3	Thu	School assembly PTA board meeting	3:05p.m.	
4	Fri	MIX LESSON	4:00p.m.	
5	Sat			
6	Sun	EIKEN(2nd stage)		
7	Mon	Committee meeting	4:00p.m.	
8	Tue	Bluesky committee meeting	3:05p.m.	
9	Wed		3:05p.m.	
10	Thu	Student assembly	3:05p.m.	
11	Fri	MIX LESSON Birthday party (kindergarten)	4:00p.m.	
12	Sat	Japanese-Language Proficiency Test		
13	Sun			
14	Mon	Club Activities Educational consultation (Students)	4:00p.m.	
15	Tue	Educational consultation (Students)	3:05p.m.	
16	Wed	Educational consultation (Students) Final exam(1)	3:05p.m.	
17	Thu	Educational consultation (Students) Final exam(2)	3:05p.m.	
18	Fri	Educational consultation (Students) Final exam(3) MIX LESSON	4:00p.m.	
19	Sat	Autumn Festival		
20	Sun			
21	Mon	Club Activities	4:00p.m.	
22	Tue	School Trip(4th 5th grade)	3:05p.m.	
23	Wed	School Trip(4th 5th grade)	3:05p.m.	
24	Thu	ThanksGiving Day(Holiday)		
25	Fri	School Holiday		
26	Sat			
27	Sun			
28	Mon	Club Activities Physical measurement(kindergarten)	4:00p.m.	
29	Tue		3:05p.m.	
30	Wed		3:05p.m.	